

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee- FINAL
For Meeting of April 4, 2005

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency
Spencer Bader, Sonoma County Water Agency
Lynn Hulme, Sonoma County Water Agency
Rene Webber, Sonoma County Water Agency
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
Paul Helliker, MMWD
Jon Mandell, MMWD
Steve Phelps, MMWD
Dana Roxon, MMWD
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Sanford Smith, Valley of the Moon Water District
Pamela Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
John Nelson, JONWRM

Public Attendees: Dave Smith, Merritt Smith Consulting
Paul Stutrud, O.W.L.
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Fred Soares, Southwest Neighborhood Alliance
Jim Downey, Pennngrove / Kenwood Water
David Keller, FOER
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros
Craig Johns, Consultant for the City of Santa Rosa
Evan Jacobs, Cal-Am Water
Tony Lindstrom, Cal-Am Water

1. Check In

On behalf of WAC Chair Miles Ferris, Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of March 7, 2005 Minutes

Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to approve the minutes, and Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District, seconded. All approved.

4. Subregional System IRWP Discharge Relocation Study Update

Dave Smith, Merritt Smith Consulting, reviewed the status of the IRWP Master Plan direct and indirect discharge options. A presentation outlining these options will be given to the BPU at the April 21 meeting. The BPU will then be asked to select the discharge option that should be pursued. This presentation and a summary from the BPU will be distributed to WAC members after the meeting.

Items discussed included:

- A Basin Plan Amendment to recognize Mixing Zones. The State Board will consider this amendment in August 2005. If it is not adopted, Mixing Zones will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Implementing a monitoring plan in Cloverdale and Healdsburg, since they currently are indirect dischargers. This study will include soil-analysis testing for synthetic organics.

5. Regional Water Conservation Idea

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, provided a handout to WAC outlining a local agency partnership in order to coordinate efforts in water and possibly energy conservation.

Discussion ensued regarding implementation of a new subcommittee under the existing framework or utilizing the LRT2 Committee. It was also expressed that energy conservation should be an integral part of the partnership

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, motioned that staff reconvene and discuss details and staffing organization requirements to bring back to WAC for further discussion. Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, seconded. All present approved.

6. MMWD's 5,000 Acre-Foot Contract Option

Paul Helliker, MMWD, announced that his agency was drafting a letter to the SCWA asking for assurances that water is available to them if they choose to exercise their option.

Chris DeGabriele recapped the previous WAC discussion and motion to offer MMWD a \$1.6 million contribution for their desalination plant if they did not exercise their option. WAC also indicated that they were not interested in extending MMWD's deadline.

There was discussion regarding the interpretation of the Eleventh Amended Agreement and amendments to Sonoma County Water Agency's agreements with MMWD.

7. A.B. 2717 Task Force

Virginia Porter informed WAC of a state Landscape Task Force formed to carry out the charge of AB 2717 related to the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act. The Task Force is working through the California Urban Water Conservation Council to develop recommendations to the Governor by the end of 2005 on landscape water conservation. Four Work Groups will be meeting to develop recommendations to the Task Force addressing various issues concerning landscape water efficiency. The meetings are open to the public and input is welcome. Ms. Porter will be reporting out to the WAC from time to time about the work of this group. For more information and their meeting schedule, please review the website at http://www.cuwcc.org/ab2717_landscape_task_force.lasso.

8. SCWA Update on Presentation to SWRCB re: SCWA Water Conservation Efforts

Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency, advised WAC that an extension was only granted through April 21, 2005 for the SWRCB Water Conservation Report. Meetings with contractors will be scheduled in order to gather the required information for the report. Copies of correspondence between SCWA and SWRCB will be distributed to WAC members.

9. Check Out

Virginia Porter advised that the Restructured Water Agreement would be presented to the BPU on Thursday, April 7, 2005, and to the City Council the following week. The City of Santa Rosa and SCWA have reached agreement on key issues and will be asking for BPU and City Council concurrence on the status of negotiations to date. Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor, has developed an urban-use rate for their reclaimed water during the non-discharge months of May through August. It is set at 80% of the potable rate for non-residential users and \$117 an acre-foot rate for agricultural users. During the discharge months, the use of reclaimed water would be free of charge.

Jake Mackenzie announced that there would be a public meeting of the Ludwigia Task Force at 7pm on April 21, 2005, at the Steele Lane Annex. In addition, on April 11 at 6pm, a Laguna Walk was scheduled, and on April 23, Stewardship Day for the Laguna Cooperative Program Master Creek Plan will take place.

Chris DeGabriele announced that the North Marin Water District and MMWD would be hosting a "H2O How to Fair" at the Mann Civic Center on April 23, 2005, from 10am-3pm. Admission will be free.

Future Agenda Items

Schedule City of Santa Rosa's Legislative update